

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for authority to update its gas revenue requirement and base rates. (U 904 G)

Application 02-12-027
(Filed December 20, 2002)

Application of SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY for authority to update its gas and electric revenue requirement and base rates. (U 902-M)

Application 02-12-028
(Filed December 20, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
RESCHEDULING EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS TO BEGIN ON
OCTOBER 7, 2003, AND OTHER SCHEDULE CHANGES**

At Prehearing Conference 3 (PHC-3) held on September 26, 2003, parties discussed the emergency motion of the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) seeking a two-day delay for evidentiary hearings. ORA argued the size and extent of rebuttal testimony necessitated a delay. The Utility Reform Network (TURN) and the Utility Consumer Action Network (UCAN) responded and supported the motion and argued in their reply that a two-week delay was appropriate because of the rebuttal testimony already served and the unknown size and extent of rebuttal testimony to TURN and UCAN's testimony to be served by Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) on September 26, 2003. SoCalGas & SDG&E opposed the delay in their response.

I Ruled in PHC-3 that absent a further Ruling before 5:00 p.m. on September 26, 2003, the evidentiary hearings would begin as scheduled on September 29, 2003. After further review and in consultation with the Assigned Commissioner, I now Rule that hearings are rescheduled and further schedule changes are as shown below:

- No evidentiary hearings will be held on September 29, 2003 through October 6, 2003.
- Evidentiary hearings will begin Tuesday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m. and continue through October 24, 2003, and beyond as needed.
- As needed, evidentiary hearings will continue on October 27 and 28, 2003.
- As needed, evidentiary hearings will continue on November 12, 13, and 14, 2003.
- Concurrent Opening Briefs are rescheduled from November 11, 2003 to December 2, 2003, by electronic service no later than 5:00 p.m.
- Concurrent Reply Briefs are rescheduled from December 5, 2003 to December 19, 2003, by electronic service no later than 5:00 p.m.

SoCalGas and SDG&E are directed to conduct a telephonic “meet and confer” with all parties and provide by 5:00 p.m. October 2, 2003 (1) an up-dated matrix of estimated cross-examination and (2) an up-dated list of requested “date certain” testimony or other urgent pleas for witness accommodation.

IT IS RULED:

1. Evidentiary hearings, Opening and Reply Briefs are rescheduled as shown above. This ruling reverses my oral preliminary ruling made in PHC-3.

2. These schedule changes modify and replace portions of the schedule adopted in the May 22, 2003 Ruling Clarifying the Scoping Memo and Modifying the Schedule.

3. SoCalGas and SDG&E are directed to conduct a telephonic “meet and confer” with all parties and provide by 5:00 p.m. October 2, 2003 (1) an up-dated matrix of estimated cross-examination and (2) an up-dated list of requested “date certain” testimony or other urgent pleas for witness accommodation.

4. This Ruling is issued under the adopted electronic service protocol and a paper copy is not being served by mail.

5. This Ruling is served electronically before 5:00 p.m.

Dated September 29, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Douglas Long

Douglas Long
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Rescheduling Evidentiary Hearings to Begin on October 7, 2003, and Other Schedule Changes on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated September 29, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen
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